

The information provided by Tables 7 through 12 will be used as the basis for determining the amount of land required under Vance County's future transition areas. The transition areas will for all practical purposes indicate the primary areas of Vance County which will be required to accommodate the county's future population. The transition areas and other classifications of land will be explained in the following subsection.

Land Use Classification

The existing and expected use of Vance County's land will be planned for according to a land use classification. As explained earlier, the land use classification used in this plan or land use element will be structured according to the land use classification system proposed by the North Carolina Land Policy Council. This land use classification consists of five classes which are the developed, transition, community, rural, and conservation areas. Each of these classes are defined and described as follows:

Developed

This class provides for the continued intensive development and redevelopment of existing cities to meet the housing, employment, investment, public service, and cultural needs of the residents. The areas to be included are currently developed lands for urban purposes at or approaching a density of 2,000 persons per square mile. The area must be provided with the usual public services such as public water, sewer, recreational facilities, police and fire protection. Also this class includes those lands occupied by the county's major industries and commercial establishments.